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report on the S.M. Kirov Works in Levice (N 48-13, E 18-36). Construction of the plant, which is actually located near the village of Tlmace, began in 1948. The plant is equipped to build and repair boilers, and it also makes armor plating for tanks and covered cockpits for aircraft. About 2,000 employees work at the plant.

Attachment (5 pages and 1 location and layout sketch):

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Subject : Czechoslovakia

The " Sergeje Miranovice Kirov

steel plant.

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This plant is located east of Tlmace village on the Hron river. Tlmac is bisected by the Zvolen - Levice railroad line.

The plant is about one kilometer from Tlmace. Pertinent reference points in locating this factory follow: bounded on the west by the Zlate Moravice - Levice provincial road and by the Zlate Moravice - Levice railroad line. The village of Rybnik is to the east, while the village of Kosmarovice lays to the south-west. Two roads, one to the north and the other to the south, bound the plant while the Hron river running in a north-south direction is about two kilometers to the west.

Construction began in 1948 after the February 1948 events. The workshops are equipped to build and repair boilers, and they also make military items such as armor plating for tanks, and covered cockpits for aircraft.

Buildings (see attached sketch)

1. Administration. A <sup>two</sup>-story masonry ~~concrete~~ building

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that measures 80 by 12 meters. Entrance to the interior of the plant is made through this building.

2. Reinforced concrete shed - measuring 60 by 20 by 10 meters. This is the ~~████~~ training workshop for the factory employees. The following machinery is set up in this shed :

- 22 new lathes,
- 4 small drilling machines,
- 2 large " " ,
- 3 planing machines,
- 5 ~~resistance-~~ welding devices,
- 3 electric-arc cutting machines for steel plates,
- 1 steel-plate press capable of handling ~~████~~ <sup>thickness</sup> up to 16 millimeters.

### 3. Apprentice school

Of masonry construction, this school covers an overall area of 400 square meters ( 20 meters by 20 ).

4. Boiler shop no. 1 : a reinforced concrete shed that measures 200 meters by 30 by 10 meters. The shop has two operating sub-divisions, a and b.

#### Section a machinery

- 8 new presses, CKD-Prague manufacture.
- 1 traveling crane that can be transferred to any part of the area.

#### Section b machinery

electric welding equipment, and automatic bolting machinery.

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5. Boiler shop no. 2

A reinforced concrete shed that measures 200 meters by 30 by 14 meters. This shop has about 10 presses and one travelling crane.

6. A building with steel walls and a tile roof that measures 40 meters by 15 meters. It is used as a storehouse for tools and materiel.

7. Transformer shop : <sup>with transformers</sup> ~~located in the transformer~~ of 25,000 volts. Electric power comes from Banska Bistrica.

8. Warehouse

9. Workshop : that measures 250 meters by 50 meters.

10. Workshop : " " 150 " by 30 " .

11. Three wood barracks: Used as living quarters for a part of the workers.

Control of this plant is exercised directly by the Ministry of Machinery Construction <sup>(Engineering)</sup> located in Prague.

Management :

The previous plant manager was Josef Betko who was removed on political grounds in 1951.

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The present plant manager is Jan Hromado, a Czech.

Prior managers were Slovaks, but they have all been removed. The entire executive staff is composed solely of Czech communists.

Foreman

~~XXXXXX~~ of the welding section is Frastak Frantischek, a Slovak

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Foreman of the machinery workshop is J. Sedi, a Hungarian by birth.

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Personnel

There are about 2,000 employees, and of these, 400 perform administrative jobs. [redacted] additional workers and employees are to be hired - with a maximum goal set at 6,000 individuals.

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Production

The plant commenced production towards the end of 1950. Steam boilers for ships <sup>were chiefly</sup> ~~produced~~ produced. Upon completion the boilers were shipped to the Komarno shipyard. This shipyard produces little else but river craft for traffic on the Volga - Don canal.

Large steam boilers (three a month) are shipped to the USSR. These boilers are 20 meters long and four meters high, while their steel plates are 18 millimeters thick. They are shipped to the USSR by way of Komarno port. Boilers are also built for other bloc countries, especially for Poland and Rumania.

Raw materiel

Steel plates are supplied by the Klement Gottwald factory. Most of these plates come in widths of 8, 12, 16, and 18 millimeters.

Transportation and road facilities

The plant is connected by a railroad spur (12) to the station at Welke Kozmarovce. Tracks from this spur lead to shed 2, 4, and 5. The plant has three locomotives.

A road section joins the administration building with the Levice - Zlate Morava state highway (13). South of this highway is an airfield (14).

Police and security details

40 men in the factory militia; 4 of these militia are

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on guard duty continuously. They are armed with 7.65 caliber  
pistols and also with submachineguns.

Factory guards : these guards are on duty at the entrance-  
gate to the plant. They wear a black uniform and carry 7.65  
caliber pistols.

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